

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-30 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, 7, 12, 17 and 24 are independent. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

**REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-9, 11-13, 15-18, 20, 22-25, 27-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Billings, US Patent 4,714,989 in view of Sugiarto et al. (hereinafter "Sugiarto"), U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0002596 A1. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants submit that Billings fails to teach or disclose, *inter alia*, "comparing the request with the user information and the associated network information; and providing the requested service based on the comparison", as recited in claims 1, 4, 12 and similarly recited in claims 7, 17 and 24.

The Examiner alleges that Billings teach "comparing the request with the user information and the associated network information, " and cites col. 5, line 66 to col. 6, line 6. Applicants have reviewed this passage in its entirety and see no mention or suggestion that the user information and the associated network information are compared with the request. Billings merely discloses that each data center 8 is equipped to respond to requests for service from a user station 4, receive data from the user station 4 and store such data in mass storage, and retrieve data from the mass storage and supply it to the requesting users stations (col. 5, lines 19-24).

Accordingly, Billing fails to disclose or suggest "comparing the request with the user information and the associated network information", as recited in claims 1, 4 and 12, and similarly recited in claims 7, 17 and 24.

With respect to Sugiarto, Applicants submit that Sugiarto also fails to disclose or suggest comparing the request with the user information and the associated network information. Sugiarto merely discloses that when a user attempts to retrieve information from a network, a system server responds to the request by uploading one or more requesting-servicing software modules, identifying the requesting user, and retrieving the user's configuration file from the database server (Abstract).

With regard to the proposed combination, Applicants respectfully submit that there is no teaching or suggestion in the applied references of the desirability to make the alleged combination that was made by the Examiner. Absent such a motivation, suggestion or teachings, there would be no motivation to combine the various elements from the prior art. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 4, 7, 12, 17 and 24 are patentable over the combination of Billings and Sugiarto, for at least these reasons.

Applicants further submit that dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23, 25 and 27-30 are allowable by virtue of their dependency on allowable independent claims 1, 4, 7, 12, 17 and 24, for at least the reasons set forth above.

Claims 10, 14, 19, 21 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Billings in view of Sugiarto and further in view of Agraharam et al., (hereinafter "Agraharam"), U.S. Patent 6,035,339. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, Billings and Sugiarto neither disclose or suggest Applicants' claimed invention as found in claims 7, 17 and 24, the independent claims from which the rejected claims depend. Applicants further submit that Agraharam fails to cure the deficiency set forth above regarding Billings and Sugiarto. Accordingly, as the combination fails to teach or disclose each feature of the claims, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is improper. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of the above remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-30 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

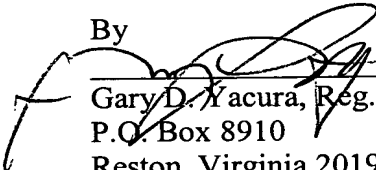
In the event this Response does not place the present application in condition for allowance, applicant requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (703) 668-8000 to schedule a personal interview.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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